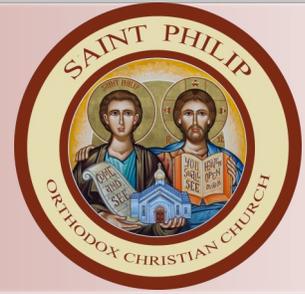


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Mark Your Calendar:

Wednesday night Compline & Patristic reading continuing — discussing our way through *St. Gregory of Nazianzus' Theological Poems*.

Men's Fellowship
Saturday, July 17, 8 pm

Iconography Workshop
July 25-30, 9-12 yrs-old
Aug 8-13, Adults & Teens

Dormition Fast - August 1-14
Daily Paraklesis

Services for Transfiguration
Thursday, August 5
Vespers & Artoklasia 6:30 p.m.



Orthros 7:30 p.m.
Blessing of harvest
Friday, August 6
Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.
Blessing of harvest
Potluck - Fish, wine & oil

Vacation Church School
August 9-13

Services for Dormition
Saturday, August 14
Vespers, Artoklasia, & Lamentations
Blessing of herbs & flowers
6:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 15
Orthros 8:45 a.m., Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.
Blessing of herbs & flowers

Beheading of the Forerunner
Saturday, August 28
Vespers & Artoklasia 6 pm
Sunday, August 29 - **STRICT FAST DAY**
Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy 10 am

Nativity of the Theotokos
Tuesday, September 7
Vespers & Artoklasia 6:30 p.m.
Orthros 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 8
Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.

Sunday School begins September 12

International Food Festival
September 17-18
How will you be helping?
Whom will you invite?

We live Pascha to Pascha!
April 24, 2022

A Message from Fr. Noah

Dear Saint Philip's Family,
The journey through the Paschal Season to Pentecost and beyond is the story of God's self-giving love for us, and our call to participate in that love and share that love with one another and the world. To not share in this love is not simply to miss the point, it is to reject the story of God as our story—it is to reject being Christ's disciples:

By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another (John 13.35)

It is to reject the Holy Spirit's dynamic work in us as our Paraklete, our Helper and Advocate.

Christ calls us to high ideals, and the

stakes our high. Our keeping of Christ's commandments is not optional—and the urgency becomes that much clearer when the divisions and conflicts of the world encroach on our unity and harmony as the Church.

I am confident, however, that we at St. Philip have and will continue to rise above the worldly cacophony, and maintain "the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph 4.3). Our cultivation of humility and availing ourselves of the Sacrament of Confession must be at the center of our life at St. Philip, if we wish to remain in the center of God's will and work in us for the life of the world.

Grateful to be Your Servant in Christ,
+Fr. Noah

NEWS ~ N ~ NOTES

+ **MONTHLY OUTREACH COLLECTION:**
Thank you for your generosity to the needy of our community! In July, we are collecting **Oral Care Products**.

+ **NON-PERISHABLE FOOD COLLECTION:** We continue to collect non-perishables of all kinds for the food pantries.

Festival Preparations Beginning

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!



Our **9th International Food Festival** is scheduled for Friday and Saturday September 17 & 18.

All parishioners are invited to be participate in the Festival Team of Volunteers! Come, meet new parishioners, and see the Unity of St. Philip Church as we work together to make this the best Food Festival ever. Sign up sheets are available in the Narthex.

MAY GOD BLESS ALL OUR FAITHFUL GIVING & SERVICE!

Vacation Church School "PHILO AND THE SUPERHOLIES"

August 9-13

9 a.m.-12 Noon



- ◆ All Kids (ages 4 to grade 8) are welcome!
- ◆ Invite your family and neighbors!
- ◆ We will be learning about the fruits of the Spirit!

Student Registration is open online at <https://www.st-philip.net/vcs>

Are you able to be a volunteer in this important ministry? For more information, contact Kate Gohl (kategohl@gmail.com).

Iconography Workshop

July 25-30, 9-12 yrs-old
August 8-13, Adults & Teens

Seminarian Karsten Boyer has been a student of iconography for the past decade, studying with Xenia Pokrovsky and Ivan Rumanstev, among others. He holds a Master of Fine Arts degree from Penn State University.

Take this opportunity to grow in understanding and experience of the Orthodox faith, the Gospel of the transformation of all things in Christ!



Did You Know?

- There is a new yellow **Sign-up sheet for Altar candles** on the bulletin board next to the literature rack in the hallway. Let's revive our use of this special offering to God and our parish! Mark an offering envelope (\$10) for "Altar Candles" and place in offering box.
- Don't take a vacation from God this summer! **Go to church on vacation**, and connect with Orthodox believers in another place!
- Please **save the date for our Food Festival** – to help out and to bring a friends, families, colleagues, and neighbors! Pray for a successful outreach event.
- Now that **warmer weather** is here and Sunday School will not be in session, our children will naturally want to **play outside** during coffee hour. **Parents**, please teach your children to be **watchful** of cars (even when they're parked), to be **respectful** of others' property, and to **pick up** their trash.
- Your offering of "**classic**" **olive oil** (not virgin or especially not extra-virgin) for the Altar candelabrum is greatly appreciated. You can put your bottles under the icon of St. Thekla on the north/left of the iconostasis with prayer requests.



**Challenge for 2021:
"Your Body is a
Temple of
the Holy Spirit"**



"You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" – 1 Peter 2:5

Holy Mysteries

Congratulations to Newly-Crowned Jonathan & Alexandra Zampino who were married on June 13.

Congratulations to Sara, Barry, and Matthew, who were baptized into Christ at St. Philip on Pentecost Sunday, June 20.

Congratulations to Newly-Crowned Ellis & Grace who were married on June 26.

Congratulations to Newly-Crowned Lia & Mike who were married on June 27.

**MAY GOD GRANT THEM
MANY YEARS!**



**Walking in the Steps of the
American Saints**

**SERVE GOD BY SERVING THE
CHURCH**

St John Maximovich, who passed into eternal life in Seattle on July 2nd, 1966, was a brilliant and erudite, yet simple, joyful, and very fruitful servant of God's Church. After studies in Serbia, he dedicated his life to monasticism as well as the pastoral ministries of prayer, teaching, preaching, building churches, and caring for orphans. This took him from Ukraine to Shanghai to the Philippines to Europe and finally to San Francisco. His letter to a young man seeking direction for his life and career, is a strong reminder for us to "answer the call" for ministry, whether it be our life's work or part of our parish involvement:



"When I meet and observe the lives of those whom I knew as young people and who have now reached a ripe age, I see how weighed down they are with worldly cares and sicknesses, how bleakly they spend their days if they have no higher yearnings. But those who give themselves to God's service, even if they suffer for it, are spiritually vibrant and feel God's hand protecting them."

**UPDATE FROM ST. PHILIP'S
BUILDING COMMITTEE**

To accommodate the continued growth in our parish, the St Philip Building Committee has been formed for Phase III as a timely planning effort for our church expansion. From an historical perspective the building of St Philip Church can be summarized in phases:

- + Phase I: 1991 dedication for new church and utility wing up to kitchen area
- + Phase II: 1996 added Office, Sunday School, Great Room, moved Narthex wall back by 8 feet

A Phase III expansion effort is now underway to meet the needs for more/better capacity in all areas to accommodate growth. Our parish currently has \$200,000 available funds for this building expansion.

With the St Nicholas House property acquisition there is now a need to look globally at the total parish needs so that the entire St Philip property can be planned to meet long-term needs in addition to the immediate need for space and organization.

Over the last two months Committee members have been tasked with seeking input from clergy and parishioners in four key areas:

- + Worship
- + Hospitality & Bathrooms
- + Education & Office
- + External property

The committee has agreed to treat the spiritual needs of the parish in the building plan as top priority.

At this point we are aggregating and prioritizing the feedback to provide to the architect so that a proposal of design options can be put forth for further review!



SPECIAL APPEAL

Please consider making a donation to the

St. Justin Academy

which, God willing, we will be starting as a Classical Co-op this fall. Ask Mindi, Denise Y, or Frank for more details.

Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

COMMUNITY LIFE @ ST. PHILIP

Fellowship of St. Maria of Paris

On Saturday afternoon, June 12th, the Fellowship of St. Maria of Paris had a small gathering to meet Martha Morelli's longtime friends, Herb and Annette, a couple from the Bruderhof Community in Ripton, NY, and discuss with them the topic of intentional Christian Community. It was an informative and challenging discussion that sparked interest in further reflection on this topic—how can we live more faithfully and intentionally together as the Church. Anyone who is interested in participating in the Fellowship group events can email **Martha Morelli** at **(martha.annemorelli@gmail.com)**.

Knoebels Amusement Park Outing

On Tuesday, June 15th, eight or so families from the parish donned their Food Festival shirts and made the trek out to central PA to Knoebels Amusement Park. We were blessed with beautiful weather, exciting and fun rides, sights, and sounds, and a nice time of fellowship at the pavilion. Thanks again to the Moody's for organizing the event!